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From Pyrotechnic Reactions

Group: 1754

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims to the application:

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11. A method for reducing nitrogen oxides in gas mixtures from pyrotechnic reactions, comprising carrying out a pyrotechnic reaction to generate a gas mixture; vaporizing at least one additive selected from the group consisting of metallocenes, metallocene derivatives, sulfur, and sulfur compounds by the heat released in the pyrotechnic reaction; and